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SUBJ: FURTHER REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS
CONFERENCE

1. A YOUNG POLISH-AMERICAN WHO IS WORKING THIS YEAR AT A
PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITY PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE REACTION OF
PROFESSORS AT THAT INSTITUTION TO THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. ALL THOSE WITH WHOM SHE SPOKE WERE AMAZED THAT THE CON-
FERENCE WAS PERMITTED TO APPEAR ON TV AND IN THE POLISH PRESS
THE NEXT DAY. AS TO THE CONTENTS OF THE CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT
CARTER'S REFERENCE TO NEW SOVIET WEAPONS, PARTICULARLY THE SS-20
MISSILE, CAME AS A SHOCK AND SURPRISE. FACULTY MEMBERS IN TORUN
APPARENTLY HAD NO IDEA THAT SUCH WEAPONS DEVELOPMENTS WERE
TAKING PLACE, NOT EVEN FROM THE GRAPEVINE. EVERYONE SAW THROUGH
THE DELIBERATE MISTRANSLATION OF CARTER'S STATEMENT THAT SOME
JOURNALISTS WRE NOT PERMITTED TO APPEAR AT THE CON-
FERENCE, BUT THEY TOOK THE ATTITUDE THAT IT WAS HARDLY SUR-
PRISING DISSIDENT JOURNALISTS WERE BARRED FROM THE CONFERENCE.

3. THE SIGHT OF THE LEADER OF A SUPERPOWER DEFENDING HIMSELF
IN PUBLIC AGAINST AGGRESSIVE QUESTIONING ALSO MADE A BIG IMPACT.
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MANY PROFESSORS CITED THIS AS AN EXAMPLE OF A TRULY
FREE PRESS.

4. CARTER'S REMARKS ON RELATIVELY GREATER HUMAN RIGHTS
AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN POLAND DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE DIS-
APPOINTED LISTENERS, WHO SENSES THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS
OBLIGATED TO SAY A FEW NICE THINGS ABOUT HIS HOSTS.

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